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LOK SABHA

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AMBULANCE FACILITY UNDER NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to provide Ambulance vans to every State under National Rural Health Mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Union Government if providing financial assistance under the NRHM to States/UTs for purchase/outsourcing of ambulances for providing referral transport for transporting of emergency patients in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Hospitals as per the guidelines prescribed under the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). With the objective to take health care to door step of the public in rural areas, especially in under-served areas, Mobile Medical Units (MMU) have also been approved @ one MMU per district under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Two kinds of MMUs are envisaged, one with diagnostic facilities for the state other than North-Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh and J & K. In addition, for the North East, Himachal Pradesh and J & K, specialized facilities and services such X ray, ECG and ultra-sound have been proposed to be provided due to their difficult hilly terrain, non- approachability by public transport, long distances to be covered etc. The states are however expected to address the diversity and ensure the adoption of most suitable and sustainable model for MMU to suit their local requirement.The funds are released to States/UTs Government as per their requirement in their respective annual NRHM programme implementation plan.